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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 19-35 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the currently filed claims are directed to Specie I calling for a base frame supported by a plurality of wheels distributed around the perimeter of an interior area with a load platform movable within said interior area; the originally filed claims 1-18 are directed to Specie II calling for a movable load platform relative to a base frame and having a braking mechanism to immobilize the base frame when the load platform is contiguous with the floor surface

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 19-35 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The reply filed on 11/12/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): see election by original presentation discussed above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunil Singh whose telephone number is (703) 308-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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